

Hartford Advisory Commission on the Environment
Minutes of Meeting
October 20, 2004

Commissioners Present: Steve Hesse, Mark Mitchell, June O'Neil, Robert Pandolfo,

Commissioners Excused: June Lyons, Eddie Morales, Rita Kornblum

Commissioners Absent: Richard Parmlee Sr., Jeanne Webb Chaves

Staff Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Dr. Mitchell. There was no quorum. He announced that, due to a mix-up with scheduling, Kevin Hood would not be presenting.

Old Business

Robert Pandolfo sent a report on the revised ACOTE ordinance. The ordinance was not passed at the September City Council meeting because Corporation Counsel ruled that there were significant changes to the wording of the ordinance, and therefore the hearing process has to be restarted. The Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee of City Council met last Friday and passed the revised ordinance. The public hearing for the ordinance was held on October 18th, and the ordinance will be on the City Council agenda for a vote on October 25th. Robert will draft revised Bylaws to comply with the new draft ordinance.

Rita Kornblum has developed the new ACOTE stationery. It was distributed. Commissioners were pleased with the results.

The Hartford Neighborhood Environmental Partnership will be hosting a public forum on the future of the landfill on November 3rd. Dr. Mitchell will be on the panel as the ACOTE representative. Flyers were distributed to ACOTE Commissioners.

New Business

Councilman Painter met with Mark Mitchell to see where he could work more closely with ACOTE. After some discussion, it appears that there may be opportunity for ACOTE to work Councilman Painter to affect the construction and renovation of new schools being built in Hartford, as well as to promote energy conservation in select schools and City buildings.

Councilman Painter was also concerned that the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee of City Council, which he chairs, met at the same time as ACOTE, and therefore prohibited him from attending our meetings. He stated that it would be difficult for him to change the time of the Council meeting and asked if it would be possible for us to either change the time or the date of our meeting to allow better coordination. After

some discussion, ACOTE members present proposed that we change the date of our monthly meetings from the third Wednesday to the last Wednesday of the month. We will discuss this again at our next meeting.

Announcements

Mark Mitchell announced that there would be a public forum conducted by the Metropolitan District Commission on the Combined Sewage Overflow issues in Hartford at 7:00 p.m. next Tuesday, October 26th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13.